

# PARLIAMENTARY CO-OPERATION

## FINANCE HEADS DECIDE TOTAL WAR DAMAGE

Agreement Gives the Sum of \$25,000,000 Annually to the United States.

## PAYMENTS EXTEND TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Final Ratification is Required by Conference—No Opposition is Likely.

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The British and United States delegations at the conference of the allied finance ministers have reached a final and definite agreement relative to the war damage claims of the United States of the sums of the money to be paid to the United States.

The agreement is subject to ratification by a primary session of the conference but, immediately after the agreement was reached, the United States viewpoint and the British viewpoint were made known to the United States and the United States, ratification of the agreement is expected to be completed in a few days.

The United States under the terms of the agreement will be required to pay \$25,000,000 yearly on the total of her claims, the amount to be paid in the first year being \$5,000,000. Thus, reimbursement of the United States will occupy a period of 25 years.

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**MUSSOLINI THRUSTS  
AT FREE MASONRY**  
ROME, Jan. 12.—Premier Mussolini today announced the characteristic act of a man who in his private life is a Freemason, but he has decided to deal a death blow to the Freemasonry in Italy.

The bill provides that all secret societies and clubs must file with the police copies of their constitution, by-laws and regulations, as well as full lists of the names of their officers and members.

**THE WEATHER**  
Forecast: Fair with continued low temperature.  
Temp. 3 A.M. today: -7.

## Metal Polish Put in Punch Bowl is Fatal To 2 Wedding Guests

POTTSVILLE, Penn., Jan. 12.—Two men are dead, three others are in a critical condition, and numerous members of a wedding party at Gilberton, near here, are being treated to-night with a very serious case of food poisoning as a result of what is reported by police and physicians to have either been an ill-timed joke.

The names of the victims have not been obtained. State and local police are working on the case.

One report stated that someone put bowl at the wedding feast. The metal polish in the punch bowl is fatal to 2 wedding guests.

## HISLOP TRIAL IS UNDER WAY

Doctor Pleads Not Guilty to Manslaughter or Illegal Use of Instruments.

MRS. BURNUP ABSENT  
Jas. Dawson, Admitted Sweetheart to Pattie Burnup, the Dead Girl, Testifies.

Spectators crowded the Criminal Court yesterday for the trial of Dr. John A. Hislop before Mr. Justice Giesbrecht. The doctor, who is charged with the manslaughter of a young woman, was admitted to the court after a long delay.

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## TAXES TAKE UP MUCH TIME AT COUNCIL MEET

Alderman Findlay Asks to Have Assessment Stabilized for Period of Years.

## EXHIBITION MOTION BY CLARKE IS LOST

Continual Hub-Bub About the Summer Fair is Resented by Alderman Collison.

Considerable discussion took place last night at the city council meeting as to the assessment of the city for the year 1925. The council members were divided on the issue.

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## TERRIBLE TALE OF THE SEA FROM IT HALF-STARVED MEN

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Seventeen half-starved men made port today with a story of hardships and brush with death, each with a few valiant tales of heroism. The men were the crew of the freighter "Vernon," which was wrecked off the coast of Newfoundland.

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## LOOM LARGE FOR NEXT PARLIAMENT

Premier King Speaks Frankly of Conditions and General Plans for Next Session in Address Before Crowded Massey Hall at Toronto.

TORONTO, Jan. 12.—Right Hon. W. M. Mackenzie King, premier of Canada, addressing a Liberal meeting which crowded Massey Hall here tonight, indicated that the big business before the parliament was the dominion this year would be the transportation problem, particularly as it affects freight rates and that the tariff would be left alone.

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